

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 16, 23 to 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 41, and 43 to 75 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 23, 24, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 40 are independent. Claims 1 to 16, 23 to 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 41, and 43 to 75 were allowed. Claims 1 to 6, 23, 24, 28, 30, 32, 34, 39 to 41, 50, 51, 55, 63 and 75 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

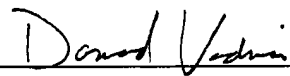
With respect to the amendments to Claims 1, 23 and 40, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the October 7, 2002 Office Action. Claims 1, 17, 18, 20, 21 and 37, which permitted X to be O or F, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,780,181 (Idota) in that Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1, 23 and 40, as amended herein, are allowable.

An Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith. Consideration of the documents cited therein is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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